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Mid-December Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of December showed increases for all wheat, all barley, feed and malting barley, dry beans, beef cattle, cows, calves, and all milk. Prices decreased for potatoes, alfalfa hay, and steers and heifers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by farmers in December, at 136 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from November. Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, soybeans, grapes and strawberries. Lower prices were received for oranges, cattle, corn, and broccoli.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Dec. 2008-Dec. 2009

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		December 2008	November 2009	December 2009 ^{1/}	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	193.00	120.00	110.00	152.00	110.00	110.00	--
Barley, All	Bu	5.91	4.88	5.31	5.49	4.53	4.15	45
Feed	Bu	3.24	2.77	3.15	3.00	2.51	2.52	--
Malting	Bu	6.68	5.09	5.45	5.91	4.95	4.42	--
Dry Beans	Cwt	39.30	32.40	32.80	34.20	30.10	31.80	48
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt	6.85	5.85	5.65	9.30	7.09	7.16	37
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt	8.90	4.80	--	14.19	6.52	--	--
Processing	Cwt	5.70	7.00	--	6.31	7.41	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu	6.42	4.60	4.93	5.95	4.79	4.81	35
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt	71.40	71.20	71.40	79.70	79.60	78.20	32
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt	39.10	42.30	42.50	40.20	41.70	42.90	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	83.90	85.50	82.60	85.70	85.40	83.50	--
Calves	Cwt	89.00	100.00	104.00	98.90	105.00	105.00	30
Lambs	Cwt	99.00	89.00	--	101.00	98.00	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt	14.40	14.80	15.50	15.50	15.30	16.30	35 ^{7/}

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	November 2008	December 2008	November 2009		December 2009 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	142	135	134	136	136
Prices Paid	182	178	176	177	177
Ratio ^{1/}	78	76	76	77	77

1/Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

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Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Up 5 Percent

Idaho's winter wheat seeded area for the 2010 crop is estimated at 780,000 acres, up 5 percent from the 740,000 acres seeded for the 2009 crop.

Nationally, winter wheat seeded area for 2010 is estimated at 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent from 2009 and the lowest since 1913. Seeding began last August and by mid-September was behind the 5-year average. The late row crop harvest and wet weather delayed planting in most States. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 64 percent good to excellent compared with 65 percent the previous year.

December 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's December 1, 2009 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 53.7 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year's 47.2 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 25.5 million bushels, up 28 percent from last year's 20.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 28.2 million bushels, up 4 percent from December 1, 2008. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 38.5 million bushels, up 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 16.0 million bushels, up 39 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 22.5 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year's 21.7 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2009 totaled 1.77 billion bushels, up 24 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 559 million bushels, up 23 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.21 billion bushels, are up 25 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2009 totaled 203 million bushels, up 18 percent from December 1, 2008. On-farm stocks are estimated at 115 million bushels, 49 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 88.5 million bushels, are 8 percent below December 2008. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2009, totaled 110 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2008. Of the total stocks on hand, 43.2 million bushels are stored on farms, up 1 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 67.3 million bushels, down 7 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2009, totaled 10.9 billion bushels, up 9 percent from December 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 7.45 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 15 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.49 billion bushels, are down 3 percent from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2009, and the change from December 1, 2008 are: dry edible peas, 10.7 million cwt, up 55 percent; lentils, 2.67 million cwt, up 61 percent; Austrian winter peas, 119,000 cwt, up 80 percent; All chickpeas, 875,000 cwt, down 18 percent; small chickpeas, 303,000 cwt, up 98 percent; and large chickpeas, 572,000 cwt, down 37 percent. Small chickpeas are defined as peas that will pass through a 20/64 inch round hole screen.

Idaho Dry Bean Production Up 35 Percent

Idaho's 2009 dry edible bean production totaled 1.98 million cwt, up 35 percent from last year's production of 1.46 million cwt. Planted acreage of 100,000 and harvested acreage of 99,000 increased from last year's 80,000 acres planted and 79,000 acres harvested. Average yield was 2,000 pounds per acre, up 150 pounds from the previous year.

Pinto production increased sharply from last year and continues to account for the largest portion of Idaho's crop with 39.5 percent of Idaho's production. Chickpea (garbanzo) production also increased from last year and accounts for 21.0 percent of the total. The majority of chickpea production is the large type. Small red production decreased from last year to account for 8.9 percent of Idaho's production. Pink production accounts for 8.6 percent. Great Northern production accounts for 4.7 percent of production. Navy production accounts for 4.2 percent of Idaho's production, and Black production accounts for 3.5 percent. Light red kidneys, dark red kidneys, cranberries, small whites, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho. Of the eleven classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2009, eight classes (pinto, all chickpea, pink, great northern, navy, black, light red kidney, and dark red kidney) posted production gains from last year, while small reds and cranberry beans decreased production from last year.

Nationally, U.S. dry edible bean production is estimated at 25.4 million cwt for 2009, up 1 percent from the December forecast but 1 percent below 2008. Harvested acreage totaled 1.46 million acres, 1 percent above the December forecast and the previous year's acreage. The average U.S. yield, at 1,733 pounds per acre, decreased 4 pounds from December's forecast and 35 pounds below the 2008 yield. The production estimate in North Dakota, the largest producing state, is down 15 percent from 2008. Production increased from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, pinto, black, blackeye, and all chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for navy, great northern, light red kidney, dark red kidney, pink, small red, and cranberry.

All Dry Beans: Acreage, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2008 – 2009 ^{1/}

State	Planted		Harvested		Yield ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
California	52.0	68.5	51.9	68.0	1,850	2,220	960	1,508
Colorado	48.0	57.0	44.0	53.0	1,500	1,600	660	848
Idaho	80.0	100.0	79.0	99.0	1,850	2,000	1,462	1,980
Michigan	200.0	200.0	195.0	195.0	1,850	1,800	3,607	3,510
Minnesota	150.0	150.0	145.0	140.0	1,950	1,800	2,828	2,520
Nebraska	135.0	130.0	126.0	115.0	2,290	2,140	2,885	2,461
North Dakota	660.0	610.0	640.0	580.0	1,570	1,470	10,048	8,526
Oregon	4.8	6.4	4.7	6.3	2,000	2,330	94	147
Washington	50.0	60.0	50.0	60.0	1,770	1,900	885	1,140
U.S. Total	1,495.0	1,537.5	1,445.2	1,463.0	1,768	1,733	25,558	25,360

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. 2/ Clean basis.

U.S. Dairy Products November 2009 Highlight

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 844 million pounds, 1.9 percent above November 2008 but 2.1 percent below October 2009.

Italian type cheese production totaled 363 million pounds, 6.5 percent above November 2008 and 0.6 percent above October 2009.

American type cheese production totaled 332 million pounds, 1.8 percent below November 2008 and 4.3 percent below October 2009.

Butter production was 121 million pounds, 9.7 percent below November 2008 but 6.9 percent above October 2009.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with November 2008)
Nonfat dry milk, human --- 101 million pounds, down 24.7 percent. Skim milk powders --- 19.0 million pounds, up 15.4 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with November 2008)

Dry whey, total --- 86.0 million pounds, down 0.5 percent.

Lactose, human and animal --- 61.8 million pounds, up 7.6 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total --- 34.4 million pounds, up 1.9 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with November 2008)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 53.8 million gallons, down 12.5 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 24.0 million gallons, up 10.3 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 2.64 million gallons, down 23.0 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 4.05 million gallons, down 8.6 percent.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2008-2009

State	Area Harvested 1/		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2008	2009		2008	2009	2008	2009
IDAHO	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
All Hay	1,410	1,510	Tons	3.96	3.66	5,588	5,528
Alfalfa Hay	1,130	1,140	Tons	4.40	4.20	4,972	4,788
All Haylage and Greenchop	82	80	Tons	14.25	10.04	1,169	803
Canola 3/	-	14.5	Lbs	-	1,700	-	24.7
Corn for Grain	80	80	Bu.	170.0	180.0	13,600	14,400
Corn for Silage	215	215	Tons	27.0	27.5	5,805	5,913
Winter Wheat	800	700	Bu.	75.0	81.0	60,000	56,700
Spring Wheat	520	530	Bu.	72.0	77.0	37,440	40,810
Durum Wheat	10	20	Bu.	73.0	81.0	730	1,620
Barley	580	510	Bu.	86.0	95.0	49,880	48,450
Oats	20	25	Bu.	69.0	78.0	1,380	1,950
Potatoes	304	319	Cwt	383	411	116,475	131,000
Sugarbeets	116.0	163.0	Tons	31.2	34.3	3,619	5,591
Dry Beans 2/	79	99	Cwt	1,850	2,000	1,462	1,980
Dry Edible Peas 2/	36	41	Cwt	1,500	1,900	540	779
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	4	6	Cwt	1,400	1,600	56	96
Lentils 2/	37	52	Cwt	950	1,250	352	650
UNITED STATES							
All Hay	60,152	59,755	Tons	2.43	2.47	146,270	147,442
Alfalfa Hay	21,060	21,227	Tons	3.33	3.35	70,180	71,030
All Haylage and Greenchop	4,552	4,492	Tons	7.09	7.02	32,290	31,512
Canola	989.0	814.0	Lbs	1,461	1,811	1,445	1,474
Corn for Grain	78,570	79,630	Bu.	153.9	165.2	12,091,648	13,151,062
Corn for Silage	5,965	5,605	Tons	18.7	19.3	111,619	108,209
Winter Wheat	39,608	34,485	Bu.	47.1	44.2	1,867,333	1,522,718
Spring Wheat	13,517	12,955	Bu.	40.5	45.1	548,004	584,411
Durum Wheat	2,574	2,428	Bu.	32.6	44.9	83,827	109,042
Barley	3,779	3,113	Bu.	63.6	73.0	240,193	227,323
Oats	1,400	1,379	Bu.	63.7	67.5	89,135	93,081
Potatoes	1,046.9	1,045.0	Cwt	396	413	415,055	431,425
Sugarbeets	1,004.5	1,145.3	Tons	26.8	25.8	26,881	29,519
Dry Beans 2/	1,445.2	1,463.0	Cwt	1,768	1,733	25,558	25,360
Dry Edible Peas 2/	847.3	837.9	Cwt	1,448	2,045	12,270	17,137
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	8.0	13.7	Cwt	1,300	1,328	104	182
Lentils 2/	261	407	Cwt	917	1,440	2,393	5,859

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., beans, dry hay, etc. 2/Yield in pounds, production in cwt. 3/Idaho estimates began in 2009.